

MISSOURI CITY NEWSLETTER

#PLAYITFORWARD

Department, is excited to roll out a new "Show Me City" initiative—#PlayItForward—that is being put in place to not only celebrate the outdoors,



IT'S HURRICANE SEASON

BE PREPARED & STAY ALERT: SIGN ON TO WWW.MISSOURICITYREADY.COM

The 2019 Hurricane season While MCTX is designated by began Saturday, June 1 the State as a pass-through and runs through Saturday, Nov. 30. If disaster strikes, Missouri City's Emergency ready to respond.

Residents and businesses in Fort Bend and Harris Counties are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts on www. missouricityready.com and learn how to prepare supply kits and stock up on necessary items such as non-perishable food, water, flashlights, batteries, radios, first-aid kits, cell phones, chargers, maps and important documents.

City for evacuees who live along the Gulf Coast, citizens are still encouraged to prepare Operations Center (EOC) is themselves and stay aware of the potential for severe weather that can accompany tropical systems.

> To emphasize the importance of preparing before a storm hits and to assist the public with getting ready for the 2019 Hurricane Season, MCTV produced several videos highlighting 7 key topics.

> > Read more on page 6

FISCAL YEAR 2020 Building the Budget

Planning for next year's financial blueprint is under way. To ensure transparency throughout the process and to educate citizens, staff has prepared frequently asked questions on the topic.

What are the major sources of funding for the City budget?

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise fees, charges for services, and bond proceeds

Does the City rely on partners/ stakeholders/grants to fund budget projects?

The City evaluates all opportunities to partner with various stakeholders, grant agencies, and other governmental entities when considering funding sources for adopted projects.

What is Missouri City's fiscal budget cycle?

Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

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IN THIS EDITION:









CITY COUNCIL

Yolanda Ford Mayor

Vashaundra Edwards At-Large Position #1

Chris Preston
Mayor Pro Tem/At-Large Position #2

Reginald Pearson
District A

Jeffrey Boney
District B

Anthony Maroulis
District C

Floyd Emery District D

CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager **Anthony J. Snipes**Assistant City Manager **Bill Atkinson**

Visit www.missouricitytx.gov to view previous Council meetings

NOVEMBER 2019 GENERAL ELECTION TIMELINE:

In accordance with the Texas Election Code, the City will hold a General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5 for Districts A, B, C and D. The first day to file for a place on the ballot is Saturday, July 20 and applications will be accepted on the next regular business day at 8 a.m. The last day to file is Monday, Aug.



19 at 5 p.m. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5; for details, scan the QR code to the left.

COUNCIL CONNECTION



National Small Business Week: Mayor Yolanda Ford welcomed guests at an exclusive Leadership Luncheon with local small business owners on May 6 to provide them information on access to capital and discuss valuable insights to help strengthen their companies. The event was hosted in partnership with Chase Bank to recognize National Small Business Week, May 5-11.



Fort Bend Drug Symposium: Mayor Pro Tem Chris Preston spoke at the Fourth Annual Fort Bend Drug Symposium on April 18. He also received an award for his leadership and partnership from the Fort Bend Community Prevention Coalition (FBCPC), which hosted the initiative.



Edwards-Hayes Scholarship: At-Large Position #1 Councilmember Vashaundra Edwards Councilmember Vashaundra Edwards joined Thurgood Marshall High School Science Department Chair, Dr. Anthony Ford Hayes to present an Edwards-Hayes Scholarship to senior Keyshon Limbrick for his outstanding achievements.



Pulse of District A: Councilmember Reginald Pearson hosted residents, businesses and staff for a District A town hall on Saturday, March 30. Staff addressed issues in area subdivisions such as economic development/redevelopment, infrastructure and public safety. Staff also provided insight on future projects in the district.



What's the 411? Councilmember Jeffrey Boney addressed guests, including citizens, businesses, stakeholders and elected officials, at the District B "411" Community Collaborative at the Community Center on Thursday, Jan. 31. Participants were able to visit with City staff on issues of interest and hear presentations on key topics/initiatives.



District C Community Meeting: Councilmember Anthony Maroulis met with citizens at his Community Meeting in the EOC Training Room on Thursday, April 11. Three local businesses: Brandani's, Old Hickory Inn and Wishbone Pet Care were recognized for their successes. Also, staff provided updates on economic development, infrastucture, public safety and more.



District D Community Meeting: Councilmember Floyd Emery addressed his constituents at a Community Meeting at the City Centre at Quail Valley on Thursday, May 23. Staff provided updates on priorities such as public safety, economic development/redevelopment, the Quail Valley Golf Course, Animal Shelter operations and more

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Help keep storm water sewer systems free of lawn clippings, pet waste and debris. Please remind landscapers that it's against City ordinance to put pollutants in drains. And, individuals or yard crews should not blow clippings or leaves into the streets or in gutters.



Residents and businesses pay \$50 per year to register alarm systems. City ordinance does not allow permits to be transferred to another person or premises. Permits are valid for a 12-month period from the date they are issued, and holders are given 30 days' notice of the expiration date and the need for renewal. To renew permits or obtain a new one, call 281.403.8643; pay online by going to the City website and clicking "Online Payments"; or mail a completed application to: City of Missouri City, Attn: Alarm Permitting, 1522 Texas Pkwy., Missouri City, TX 77489.

All garbage, trash or yard waste can be placed on the curb at 6 p.m. the day before pickup. Empty trash cans must be stored out of public view by midnight the day of pickup.

NOTE: City Council approved two strategic code enforcement ordinances; learn more by

Walkers and joggers can enjoy the golf course cart paths during these times:

Holes 1 through 9: 6
a.m. to 7 a.m. daily and

from 20 minutes after sunset to 11 p.m.; **Holes 10 through 18**: 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. daily and from 20 minutes after sunset to 11 p.m. **Pets are not allowed on the course.**

City Code Enforcement
Officers are citing residents
straight to court for these
violations:

•High grass or weeds, junk cars and dirty pools.
For a second violation, the following

•Trash cans, yard waste or any type of garbage left out in public view, except during allowed times.

will be cited to court:

City Council approved a sidewalk policy to include the following provisions: Property owners should mitigate the roots of trees/ landscaping prior to City repair of sidewalks; the City should not issue citations or liens against property owners to secure mitigation of root problems; and if root problems are not mitigated within 30 days of owners being notified, the sidewalk should be replaced by the City in order of priority based on severity by either edge grinding, slab lifting or with a crushed granite or similar material. The policy also states that in cases of tree root mitigation, if the property owners agree to indemnify the City for any loss, staff will mitigate the root problem and repair the sidewalk.

City Council approved a no-smoking ordinance, including electronic cigarettes and vaping devices, that prohibits lighting up

in most public places, including restaurants and educational facilities. Smoking is also banned in areas within 20 feet of the playing surface or competition area during a youth sporting event at a City park. Violations are subject to a fine of

up to \$500.

City Council passed a texting ordinance that bans motorists from using wireless communications devices to view, send or compose electronic

messages while driving and when stopped at stop signs and traffic signals. Violations are subject to a fine of up to \$500.

City ordinance stipulates where registered sex offenders may reside in the City; it establishes a 2,500-foot buffer zone around parks, schools, swimming pools, recreational facilities and other public places where children gather.

City Council approved an ordinance requiring metal recycling and crafted precious

metal dealers to obtain a dealer permit from the City. The law allows police officers or Staff to inspect such businesses and requires that all transactions be reported via a webbased database designated by the Police Department.

DID YOU KNOW?

MCTX has a **Drought Contingency Plan** (DCP) in place to curtail water use during times of drought, water emergency and high usage that require conservation. A drought can happen any time of year, however, they are concerning during the summer months when irrigation and use are peak.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN How to conserve water



READY SET GOL

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE STORM

7 KEY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TOPICS



Determine Your Risk: Based on your location, find out what types of wind and water hazards could happen in your area and make a plan now on how to handle them.



Develop an Evacuation Plan: Identify safe locations that are not prone to wind/flood threats that you can shelter in, if there is an evacuation order issued. Remember to account for your pets too, as most local shelters do not permit them. Make sure to put these locations and the plan in writing as well.



Assemble Disaster Supplies: Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of three days. Also, remember to include extra cash, battery-powered radios, flashlights, batteries, maps, cell phones, chargers and other important documents.



Get an Insurance Checkup: Ensure that you have proper insurance coverage for your home, cars and boats. Standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding; check with your insurance company/agent or the National Flood Insurance Program at floodsmart.gov now if you think coverage is needed. Flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.



Strengthen Your Home: Make sure to trim trees that are too close to homes ahead of a storm. And, remember to secure loose objects that are outside, move vehicles to a safe location without blocking the streets and board up windows/doors including garage doors with proper plywood, steel or aluminum panels once there is a storm approaching.



Help Your Neighbor: Check on your neighbors and share the importance of preparing ahead of time, collecting supplies before the storm, assisting with evacuation if needed and checking-in after the storm passes.



Complete a Written Plan: Take the time now to write down your hurricane plan and share it with your family. Know where you will ride out the storm and get your supplies. Don't forget to keep all your important documents together for quick access and have photo documentation of all valuables.

To watch the MCTV produced videos on these tips and to learn more about emergency preparedness, visit the City's Emergency Management website—www.MissouriCityReady.com.



"As the 'Show Me City' and the region witnessed during Harvey, hurricanes can produce heavy winds, storm surges, torrential rains, inland flooding and tornadoes," City Manager Anthony J. Snipes said. "It is important that along with our staff, citizens and businesses also prepare ahead of time, so that together as a City, we can withstand anything nature brings us this season."



WHEN INCLEMENT WEATHER STRIKES, WE ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO FOLLOW THE CITY'S OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS TO RECEIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS IS A TOP PRIORITY AND ANY DECISIONS MADE DURING AN EMERGENCY WILL BE FIRST SHARED THROUGH THE OFFICIAL CHANNELS. TAKE ACTION NOW TO STAY ALERT DURING THIS HURRICANE SEASON

- MAYOR YOLANDA FORD



WHERE DO YOU FIND ACCURATE

In a disaster, communication between the City and residents is key; we saw this first-hand with Harvey. Citizens are encouraged to follow the City's official websites and social media networks to receive timely, accurate information during any disaster.

> The two main platforms used by staff to share real-time information is the MCTX Emergency Management website, www.MissouriCityReady.com and the MCTX Twitter account. Twitter.com/MissouriCitvEM. Residents may sign-up to receive alerts via both of these outlets.

> > To ensure that vital messages are available to the public at-large, information will also be shared on the following:

> > > City's main website: www.missouricitytx.gov



SAFETY TIPS AND MORE: CENTERPOINTENERY.COM

> CenterPoint. Enerav

Facebook: **fb/MissouriCityTX**

Twitter: @MissouriCityTX

Municipal Television Station: MCTV (Ch. 16 on Comcast and Ch. 99 on AT&T U-verse)

> Radio Station-1690 AM and Nextdoor.

For more information on this hurricane season. scan QR Code.









local alerts



evacuation plan



Discuss the plan with family



critical documents



- Police and Fire Departments: 911 or 281.403.8700
- © CenterPoint Energy: (www.centerpointenergy.com); 713.207.2222
- @ American Red Cross: Fort Bend County Branch:281.342.9480 Greater Houston Branch: 713,526,8300
- Ready Harris: (www.readyharris.org); 713.881.3100
- Enable Fort Bend: (www.enablefortbend.com); 281.238.3514; the agency assists individuals with functional and medical needs



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE:

PROJECTS TAKING PLACE CITYWIDE

Independence Segment 1 / Staffordshire:

Reconstruction of the existing 2-lane concrete roadway into a 4-lane divided concrete curb and gutter roadway from the Gulf Coast Water Authority Bridge, realigned to meet the intersection of Staffordshire and Independence. Staffordshire Road consists of reconstructing the existing 2-lane

asphalt roadway into a 2-lane concrete curb and gutter roadway. Freese & Nichols, Inc. performed the design. Estimated Cost: \$7.5 million; Fort Bend County Mobility Bond Program will fund 50% of this project.



Independence Segment 2: Reconstruction of the existing 2-lane concrete roadway into a 4-lane divided concrete curb and gutter roadway, utilizing the existing closed conduit storm system from Moore Road to South Revolution Way. Council authorized CP&Y for the design. Construction is estimated to bid in the summer of 2019. Estimated Cost: \$2.5 million; Fort Bend County Mobility Bond Program will fund 50% of this project.

Corridor Enhancement: Installation of reader/ monument signs at four locations throughout the City, as well as, landscape and site work

features of the budget, and indicates any major

changes from the current year. The adopted tax levy, including debt services, are outlined in the

How does the City's budget planning process

Staff prepares budget preparation documents

in alignment with Council's priorities and the

City's Strategic Plan. Departments will meet

with Financial Services and City Manager's

office to discuss budget requests as well as any

supplemental and capital budget requests.

As scheduled in the budget process, the City

Manager will review all departmental budgets

requests and make any adjustments that are

deemed appropriate. The City Manager, Assistant

City Managers and Department Directors will

meet with Financial Services and the Council Finance and Services Committee, which includes

three Councilmembers, to discuss various items

in the proposed budget, and to address any items

that are of concern. These meetings are held prior

to the submission of the proposed budget to

City budget.

Road Corridors and the City Hall Entry at Texas Parkway. TBG Partners was selected to perform the design, which is currently ongoing. Plans are under way for Texas Department of Transportation to bid out the landscaping and planting portion of the project in the summer 2019. TxDOT will provide a percentage of funding for this part of the project. The reader/monument signs and City Hall Entry will be bid separately over the next 2 years. Cost: \$2.5

Fire Station #6: This project is to design and construct a fire station to serve the Lake Olympia area toward the Fort Bend Toll Road, per the fire station location study. Council authorized Martinez Architects to perform design.

Glenn Lakes Bridge Reconstruction over Oyster Creek Tributary: Reconstruction of the bridge using current engineering design standards. GC Engineering has been selected for design. Estimated Cost: \$1.8 million; Fort Bend County Mobility Bond Program will fund 50% of this project.

Knight Road Extension: Extension of Knight Road from the Fort Bend Toll Road to McKeever Road. Kelly R. Kaluza and Associates, Inc. was selected for design, which is currently ongoing. Estimated Cost: \$6 million; Fort Bend County Mobility Bond enhancement on the Texas Parkway and Cartwright Program will fund 50% of this project.

Regional Surface Water Treatment

Plant Phase II Expansion: As part of the City's Master Planned Expansion Process, it was determined that current and projected production rates along with demands, have made it necessary to expand the plant from 10 MGD to 20 MGD to meet future development consumption needs. eHT performed the design and construction began in March 2019. Construction Cost: \$14 million.



Mayor Ford and Councilmember Boney joined staff on Monday, May 13 to celebrate the phase II groundbreaking for the plant on Bees Creek Court. RSWTP is the City's largest CIP project to-date.

The Bite!

Spraying Taking Place Citywide

In recent weeks, citizens have raised questions about the City's mosquito control program and spray schedule. To address residents' inquiries, staff compiled a list of frequently asked questions

Does Missouri City have a program to manage local mosquito populations?

Yes; the City has a strategic program in place that is targeted to work toward environmentally friendly control of adult mosquitoes and prevention of breeding sites. The contractor is Cypress Creek Pest Control and their agreement requires that four to five trucks spray every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. beginning each year in May through the first week of November.

Spraying covers all streets and neighborhoods within City limits, including the private streets of communities that have provided a gate code for accessibility by the spraying contractor. Also, in addition to the contractor's cycle, City staff sprays common areas where mosquitoes swarm like parks, green spaces, and the Quail Valley Golf Course.

When the mosquito population increases, how does the City respond?

Staff monitors the issue, and when necessary, additional spray days are added for communities and greenspaces citywide.

Scan the QR code to learn more



BUDGET FAQ

Councilmembers. Management, with assistance financial plan of all City funds, expenditures and from the Financial Services Department, activities. In addition, the City budget outlines completes the proposed budget to submit to City the proposed financial policies of the City for Council for consideration in August. the ensuing fiscal year, describes the important

How can citizens provide input and feedback

During the budget process, citizens will have the opportunity to provide feedback during public input sessions with City Council and staff. Watch the website for details.

Where can citizens view the City budget and other financial documents?

The documents may be viewed on the City website on the Financial Services Department webpage at www.mctxfinance.com.

How does the City prioritize funding for projects each year?

Based on the City's Strategic Plan, Council's priorities and available funding.

When will public hearings and final adoption for the FY2020 budget take place?

It is estimated that public hearings and final adoption will be in September 2019.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

TEST YOUR SKILLS AT THE NEW SKATEPARK!

If you and your family love to bike, skate or board, this new recreational venue in Community Park, 1700 Glenn Lakes Lane, is a great place to play!

FORT BEND COUNTY LIBRARY: MISSOURI CITY BRANCH

The newly renovated three-story facility, located in the City Hall Complex, reopened on June 1 and now includes a watch tower, community meeting rooms, study rooms, a puppet theater, and a computer lab. For more information, call 281.238.2100.

BILLY'S DONUTS, 7022 HWY. 6 STE. 800

This family-owned business made international headlines; read about it on our social media networks.

Here are some other companies that have also opened their doors this year in the "Show Me City":

Bernie's Burger Bus, 6324 Hwy. 6 Comcast, 551 Buffalo Lakes Dr. Fairfield Inn Suites, 3533 FM 1092 Harvest Natural Market, 4603 Sienna Pkwy.

Jamba Juice, 9303 Hwy. 6 Ste. 100 Lupe Tortilla, 9211 Hwy. 6 Learning Experience Daycare, 3451 FM 1092 Sacred Leaf Zero, 5201 Hwy. 6, Ste. 575

QUAIL VALLEY GOLF COURSE **MOVES FORE-WORD!**

On Friday, April 19, the award-winning QVGC surpassed its record for most golfers in one day with 411 players registering for tee times. The previous milestone of 410 golfers was set on March 30, 2018. To play the visit www.golfquailvalley.com.

golf Master on-site: In 2018, Richard Brown III earned the prestigious designation of PGA Master Professional, making him 1 of only 372 golfers to achieve this level—and the first African-American to achieve this status—since the program began in 1969. Schedule a lesson with Brown by emailing him at rabfore@island.com or calling him at 922, 457, 5110. icloud.com or calling him at 832.457.5119.



Progress On Future MCTX Veterans Memorial

4 major developments on the project occurred recently:

- 1. The Missouri City Parks Foundation and staff received confirmation that Wells Fargo committed to be an exclusive \$100,000 banking sponsor.
- 2. MCPF and staff launched the Memorial Paver Project. Customized pavers will lead up to the monumental tribute and this initiative provides an opportunity for individuals, families and organizations to "Honor or Remember" a veteran with a 4" x 8" engraved concrete brick; they cost
- 3. At their Monday, July 1 Regular Meeting, Councilmembers authorized an economic development agreement between the Reinvestment Zone No. 1: the City of Missouri City, Texas; and the Missouri City Development

Authority (MCDA), pertaining to the development and construction of a veteran's memorial and a parks maintenance facility. This agreements allows TIRZ No. 1 to reimburse \$250,000 for the Memorial. View details in the July 1 MCDA meeting agenda packet on the City website.

4. At their Monday, May 20 Regular Meeting, Councilmembers authorized City Manager Snipes to negotiate and execute a contract with LMA Design, LLC. for design of the memorial. View details in the meeting agenda packet on the City website.

To learn more about the future memorial, to make a project donation or to purchase a paver, call 281.403.8638.

greenspaces throughout the area play a key role City. in maintaining this designation. More than 20 parks and 14+ miles of trails wind through our communities, providing infinite ways to enjoy the outdoors, and #PlayItForward will help to in Missouri City." said Parks & Recreation Director showcase these amenities.

Companies and neighborhoods that join this citywide operation will work closely with the Parks & Recreation Department to ensure

"We will emphasize that when you #PlayItForward, you further cement your legacy Jason Mangum. "And that whenever somebody visits the sponsored greenspace, they will know that they are enjoying the space because of your

Missouri City is known for being a safe, specified projects come to fruition and that they platinum scenic city and the award-winning showcase commercial partnerships with the initiatives, M2L Associates Inc. was engaged in showcase commercial partnerships with the initiatives, M2L Associates Inc. was engaged in 2018 to perform a "Park Facilities Assessment Management Plan" and the findings will be useful in this new campaign.

> For more information on the #PlayItForward campaign, please visit www.mctxparks. com or email Mangum at jason.mangum@ missouricitytx.gov.





PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

Citizen education and engagement helps maintain our safe streets and continues to be a top priority. Did you know about these great Public Safety programs?

Car Seat Safety Check: Certified technicians will inspect car seats for proper installation and safety. Free to the public; appointment needed.

The Missouri City Police Department Mini-**Station is Moving:** Staff is currently finalizing details to relocate the public safety outreach facility from its first location at 2703-A Texas Pkwy. to the Wells Fargo Bank Office Building at 2440 Texas Pkwy. Strategic benefits of the site change are: more public visibility for the

station and first responders who staff it, newly renovated space in a prime commercial office building along the corridor, and presence near business centers that the City is focusing on for economic development/redevelopment.

Community Engagement Truck: MCFRS also attends community events with the truck and gives fire safety presentations upon request.

Learn about these initiatives and others by visiting www.missouricitypolice.org and





Interested in being a MVP?

Find out more about the Municipal Volunteer Program and apply

SCAN THIS OR CODE FOR DETAILS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Family Golf Nights

Wednesdays • 4 p.m.. Quail Valley Golf Course, 2880 La Quinta Dr.

Park Prize Pack

Wednesdays, Through July 31 Any park in Missouri City

Summer Camp Sessions

Monday - Friday, Through Aug. 2 Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Junior Tennis Summer Camp Sessions

Monday - Friday, Through Aug. 9 Recreation & Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Dr.

Youth Town Hall

Tuesday, July 23 at 6 p.m. Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Fire Station 4 Open House

Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. Fire Station 4, 5955 Sienna Pkwy.

MCTX Community Symposium

Monday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Book Talk

Tuesday, July 30 at 10 a.m. Recreation & Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Dr.

Clergy Round Table

Monday, Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. City Centre at Quail Valley, 2880 La Quinta Dr.

Senior Mystery Trip

Thursday, Aug. 8 at 8 a.m. Bus departs from the Recreation & Tennis Center

Back-to-School Health Fair

Saturday, Aug. 10 at 9 a.m. Access Health, 307 Texas Pkwy, Ste. 100

Community Connection

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

For more information on MCTX events, click on the website calendar

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